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1911 ANNUAL DINNER IS GREAT SUCCESS

**Addresses By Professors Breed,
Hayward And
Talbot**

Don't be too much of a grind! Get together as a class and don't allow a few men to do all the work and gain all the experience and benefit! Be observant of the men who do things, and strive to work a little of their ginger into your system! This is, in a nutshell, the gist of three rousing good addresses to the Junior class at their annual dinner.

One hundred and twelve members of the class of 1911 assembled around the festive board in the Union at 6.30 last Friday evening. The occasion was the celebration of their third anniversary as a class at the Institute. President S. B. Copeland presided. Upon the call of former president W. C. Salisbury, three cheers were given with a will for Copeland, in honor of his first real appearance before the class as President. Mr. Copeland responded by expressing the desire that the class might pull together as a unit and thereby carry to success the many important features of Junior year.

The announcement of the Prom. Committee election was made at the end of the dinner, and of course occasioned much interest. President Copeland then introduced as the first speaker of the evening, Prof. C. B. Breed of the Civil Engineering Department.

Professor Breed considers himself a member of the Junior class, inasmuch as his time is spent largely with the third year classes in Railroad and Highway Engineering. Apropos of the announcement of the selection of the Prom. Committee, he announced as his theme the subject of "Student Activities."

The growth of student activities at the Institute is a matter of a very few years. At the time when Prof. Breed was himself a student, the Junior Prom. Committee was practically the only position to strive for. The last ten years has seen the rise of all the great variety of other activities now open to the students.

Who derives the best advantages from student activities? There are, in general, two extreme types of men at the Institute—one, ordinarily called "grind," confines himself entirely to his school work and shies at all mention of student activities; he it is who needs their broadening influence the most.

The other type is the man whose life work is, in many cases, all laid out for him at birth, owing perhaps to business interests in the family, and whose training at the Institute is merely a stepping-stone to business life; he it is who is generally successful in the extreme in the activities outside the classroom; but he it is who needs them the least.

A second way which a student may develop is by getting into closer touch with his teachers. There are very few teachers at the Institute who at all resemble the good professor who forgot his watch one morning, and when half-way to his destination took it from his pocket to see how much time he had to go back and get it. The teacher of today is not led into that profession by salary inducements, but through pure love of the work, and much valuable sincere advice, which is the result of long experience, can be imparted to the student who will advance half-way.

Prof. H. W. Hayward, of the Mechanical Engineering Dept., was the second speaker. He desired to be placed on record as repeating all that Prof.

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PRES. MACLAURIN WILL GIVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Old Show Men In "Mumming
Play"—Prof. Arlo Bates
Will Read**

A mumming play will be the feature of the President's Christmas party to be held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. MacLaurin.

450 Tech men who are far from home, as well as the seven Tech co-eds, have been invited. There will be a Christmas tree, some of the old Christmas songs will be sung by members of the glee club, Prof. Arlo Bates, will read from "The Christmas Carol," and finally there will be presented by former show men, an old mumming play entitled "St. George and the Dragon." Prof. Bates is coaching this play, and he has kindly given the following explanation of what a mumming play is:

"The mumming representation of the mighty deeds of St. George, the champion saint of England, were played at Christmas, all over the land for centuries. Of the survival of this custom in the nineteenth century a vivid picture is given by George Meredith in "The Return of the Native." Bands of rustics got together, learned by heart the text which had been handed down from generation to generation, often without ever having been put on paper, improvised rude costumes, and went from house to house of the gentry, to do their mumming, and to be rewarded with "cakes and ale" and gifts of money. The text of some of these old plays has been preserved by the folk lore societies; and a revision belonging in its present form to the eighteenth century, will be acted by a band of former students. The characters are Father Christmas, St. George, a veritable Dragon, a Turkish Knight, a Giant and a Doctor. The Doctor was a needed member of the troupe, since when the play was given in the open hall of a manor house, the dead characters had to be restored to life in order to make their exit. The play is a quaint bit of the old English Christmas, amusing in itself and doubly interesting from its associations."

The men who attend the president's Christmas party will also have the pleasure of meeting the wife of the founder of the Institute, Mrs. William Barton Rogers.

INDOOR TRACK WORK WILL BEGIN MONDAY

For the past three or four weeks the Track work has been carried on over at the Gym. The men out for class and varsity teams have been hard at it and Coach Kanaly has shown them no mercy when it came to stiff practice. Almost all the running was done out on the streets but now as the weather grows colder this will have to stop; accordingly the candidates for the track will work off their surplus energy indoors to-day. The work will consist largely of sprints on the part of candidates for the short distances and longer runs for the remainder. In addition to this, some little time will be devoted to the practicing of starts, for, as everyone knows, this is of vital importance to the success of any team. So far the work has been highly successful and encouraging. Coach Kanaly said when interviewed, that he sincerely hopes the men will keep coming regularly and working as conscientiously as they have during the past two weeks.

SNAPPY MEETING OF THE SENIOR CLASS

**The Senior Portfolio Committee
To Be Chosen At The
Coming Election**

The senior class held a short snappy business meeting in Huntington Hall last Friday.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. R. F. Goodwin, at 1:10 and the reports of the secretary and of the treasurer were called for. These were accepted as read. The treasurer's report showed a cash balance of \$27.80.

President Goodwin then announced that nomination for the Senior Portfolio Committee would be received until Wednesday, Dec. 15; the nominees will be announced on Saturday, Dec. 18, and all the ballots are to be in by the following Wednesday. The following men were appointed to the election committee: H. S. Cleverdon, W. D. Everett, and K. D. Fernstrom.

It was decided that only those men who have paid their class dues up-to-date should be allowed to vote at this election.

In regard to this Senior Portfolio committee the treasurer of the classes makes the following statement:

"The Senior Portfolio Committee which is to be chosen at the coming election, is one of the most important, if not the most important, committee of the Senior year. It holds the same place in the Senior class that the Technique Board holds in the Junior class. In selecting those who are to serve on this committee, the men of the Senior class should forget all factional and personal feeling, and should vote only for men whom they know to be conscientious and capable workers. The Senior Portfolio should be the result of the work of the Senior class, and not the overworked effort of a faithful few."

1913 BASKET-BALL

**Win From Newton, 23-17--
Schedule Of Games**

At the Newton Y. M. C. A., last Friday the freshman basket-ball team won their first game, defeating Newton High by the score of 23 to 17. At the end of the first half, which was played under Y. M. C. A. rules, the score stood 12 to 11 in favor of 1913. The second period was under the college rules giving the freshmen a chance to show their superiority in both styles of play. The two sets of rules resulted in quite a large number of fouls on both sides. Johnson and Croker excelled for Tech while Cady and Osborne did good work for Newton. Following is the line up: M. I. T., 1913

Crocker, l.f. r.b., Wood
Darling, (Elwell, r.f. l.f., Merrill
Johnson, c. e., Fuller
Muther, (Johnson), r.g. l.f. Osborne
Cahill, (McCarthy, Thompson) l.g.

r.f., Cady
Score. 1913, 23; Newton 17; Goals from floor-Crocker, Johnson 3, Cady 2, Osborne, Fuller, Wood. Goals from fouls, Johnston 5, Cady 7.

The basket-ball schedule for this season is:

Dec. 17	Winchester
Jan. 8	1912
Jan. 14	Somerville
Jan. 21	Open
Jan. 28	Winthrop
Feb. 2	Concord
Feb. 12	Wellesley
Feb. 16	1912
Feb. 22	Melrose

BASKET-BALL MEN GET STRENUOUS PRACTICE

**Six Of Last Year's Men Have
Come Out This Winter--
Subs Doing Well**

Varsity Basket Ball practice has started in with much enthusiasm. The first weeding out of the candidates has taken place, and the squad has been reduced to about sixteen men. Among these sixteen there are many excellent players and this makes the prospects for a remarkably good team bright. Of the seven men who constituted last year's playing squad, six have reported this year; in addition to these there are over half a dozen who are good enough to be placed as first substitutes.

The men of last year's team are: Capt. T. B. Parker, 1911; P. M. Wentworth, 1910; last years Captain, G. R. Lord, 1910; A. T. Bennis, 1912; W. B. Hargraves, 1910; and F. G. Tait, 1910.

The following new men come out to practice regularly: J. Avery, C. R. Johnson, G. S. Darling, G. A. Cahill,



A. M. WENTWORTH 1910

L. W. Chandler, S. S. Croker, J. Balch, R. B. Stone, W. M. Pettengill. Manager Everett urges every candidat to realize the necessity of coming out to practice regularly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The first game of the season has been arranged with Tuft's for January 5, and the manager hopes to start the season with a victory for Technology.

During the time that the Basket Ball Team is at practice all other teams or groupes of students are supposed to keep off the floor. It was stated at the Gym that this rule would be strictly enforced from now on.

CALENDAR.

Monday, December 13.

4:15 Gym Team Practice.

4:15 Basket-Ball Practice.

Tuesday, December 14.

6:30 C. E. Society Dinner at Union.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Editor of The Tech,

Dear Sir:—

One striking example of the abuse of the Union and its surroundings by men professing to be loyal sons of Technology, is the way in which the walls of some of these surroundings have been disfigured.

In many of these places one may find verses or sketches, which are unelevating in the extreme. All, or practically all, are "as old as the hills" in their sentiment and certainly reflect no credit upon those responsible for their place on the walls.

This abuse has seemed extensive and this abuse has seemed more extensive than ever this year, and it is about time for the Institute Committee to keep a watchful eye open and try to stamp out this existing abuse.

"Those who have ears, let them hear."
O. B. D. '11.

To the Editor of The Tech and the Fellows of Technology:

From the article on track work in Monday's Tech it seems that Prof. Kanaly, our friend "Frank," is just as hopeful as ever that Technology will yet win the N. E. I. A. A. meet. The only reason Dartmouth won last year was because Tech men didn't go out and work and stay out. If a man doesn't put the shot 40 feet his first try is no indication that he will not be a winner some day by keeping at it. The fact that a man can not run two miles in ten minutes, his freshman year is no excuse for him to stay home and play ping-pong. The present holder of the 2-mile record was a hopeless case at first. But he stuck at it, and won.

I'm not in the running any more, but I am still heartily interested in my Alma Mater and I want to see Tech at the top of the heap. There should be at least 100 men doing track work this winter. That is the only way that Tech can have winning teams.

Now get busy fellows, at the first call and show Kanaly that Tech spirit is not a joke and good luck to you, from your friend,

J. N. Stephenson, 1909.

COURSE I ISSUE

This letter from Mr. Rollins, President of the Holbrook, Cabot and Rollins Corporation, came in too late for Saturday's Special Issue. The Tech accordingly prints it today.

To a Technology man, graduating in the Civil Engineering course and in Railroad or General Engineering, the main opening must come from the railroads, the city or town engineer's offices and the work for the various commissions doing work in the Commonwealth, and I must admit that these sources of employment offer no great inducements for many years to young engineers, either in position or in salary. So many of the men that graduate seem to be wedded to Boston that they flood the market, are easily obtained, and at a very small salary. All our railroads, city engineer's offices and state boards seem to be able to get all the men they want, and pay them very little salary. The two latter classes have to take them in from the civil service list and of course Tech men easily pass these examinations, better than others, and so these positions are filled very generally with technical graduates. The field of civil engineers seems to be away from the big cities, out west or in foreign lands, where they can get some position of authority, some experience, and also good pay.

A new field of late years has opened up for young engineers, in taking up contracting. Most of the great public works today require more ability to execute than to plan the work. Strictly technical men, good mathematicians and figurers can be hired for \$100 per month, and they can tell the theoretical story. To execute the work with the theory behind you takes executive ability of the best order, common sense, energy, ability to handle men, to meet emergencies and to deal with the outside world and the men who can fill this bill are scarce and can ask and obtain good salaries. Today many of the successful large contractors are engineers, others if not engineers hire the best engineers they can find to do their work and to be trained to fill executive positions as their experience warrants. This to my mind is one of the great fields for civil engineers, good position, pleasant work and satisfactory results.

J. W. Rollins, Jr., '78

CLIPPING

The following is clipped from the current number of "Life," under the heading of "Popular Birthdays."

ARLO BATES

Born December 16, 1850.

Cum tabulis animum censoris sumat honesti.—Horace.

The English language has its slums, no less notorious than Whitechapel. That you have toiled among nouns and verbs as a settlement worker is surely worth while. And that an admirable spirit of lucidity has governed you, and pedantry has passed you by, is much to your credit. A list of your volumes attests your general worth. Philology has taken on a lighter but none the less distinguished atmosphere since you came to be its younger brother. To be literary for so many years in the midst of Boston and still to survive, is an admirable achievement. May time touch you as lightly as you have touched on some of the heavy problems of literature.

Here's to you!

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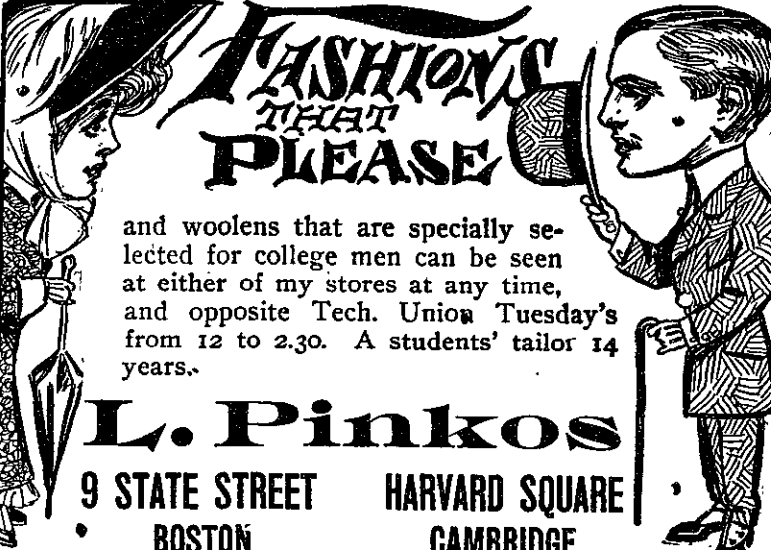
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1911 DINNER

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Breed had said, and continued along somewhat the same line.

As a result of the fact that only one hundred and twenty-eight of the three hundred and fifty members of the class voted in the Prom. election, Prof. Hayward was led to emphasize strongly the duty of voting. If previous classes can furnish any indication, the majority of the class will immediately proceed to forget that there is such a body in existence as the Junior Prom. Committee, at least, they will not help in any way, or even get their tickets until the last minute. The result will be that the committee will have no idea as to where they are coming out. Emphatically this should not be the case. Let the class, as a whole, make of itself a committee to back up those in charge of the Prom. and the Prom. will be a success.

Men who are members of any of the committees about the Institute have to go through a pretty severe process to keep up their committee work and maintain their class standing. In electing a man to membership on a committee, the fellows are asking him to give up time which possibly should be spent on his regular work; then, by settling back and not helping him, they force him to spend still more time on the outside work. If he is any kind of a man, he will carry the work through at any cost, and then his school work has to suffer. This is evidently an unfair proposition; the remedy lies in "getting together." This does not mean "butting in" in any sense, but the evidence of interest and willingness to help.

Bursar F. H. Rand was to have been the next speaker, but owing to an important obligation was unable to be present. President Copeland read a letter from him, in which the Bursar advised the class to insist on hearing that story he had sent by Prof. Talbot, "it's a corker."

Prof. H. P. Talbot, head of the Chemistry courses, was then called upon to address the class. He expressed verbally the regrets of Bursar Rand, and related the following "corker," illustrative of "Undue Haste." Two Irishmen were out hunting, and espied a bird perched upon a tree. Pat immediately raised his gun to shoot, when Mike

shouted, "Don't shoot, Pat the gun aint loaded." Whereupon Pat rejoined, "I've got to, the bird won't wait."

Prof. Talbot sounded a warning to those present by remarking that he would wager that he had put more of the Freshmen to sleep in Chemistry lecture that afternoon than ever before. He qualified this remark, however, by the statement that his talk would be as brief as the small girl's definition of a skeleton, "something with its insides out and its outsides off."

Prof. Talbot was reminded of two graduates of the Institute, who are at present in charge of great enterprises. One is a graduate of the chemistry course as it existed in the early years of the school when practically no engineering training was given in connection with this course. This man has lately had to decide what kind of a lighting system should be installed and to superintend the construction of a concrete building; in addition, he must know something of the customs and habits of thought of his men, who are nearly all foreigners.

The other man is the superintendent of the Welsbach Co., in Elizabeth City, N. J. He is coming to the Institute sometime in the spring to deliver a course of lectures on Industrial Management, which will be of great interest. Announcement will be made at the time, and Prof. Talbot extended an invitation to all interested to attend. In conclusion, Prof. Talbot extended his heartiest wishes for the future success of the class of 1911.

The class then proceeded in a body to the upper room of the Union to listen to President Tuttle's lecture.

"THE DOPESTER"

Dear "Dopester":

To settle a bet, will you please tell me whether the right fielder of the sophomore team, in the first sophomore-freshman base-ball game of last spring wore red or blue stockings. I claim blue but a member of the Tech staff maintains red.

Yours sincerely,
I. P. Freeley.

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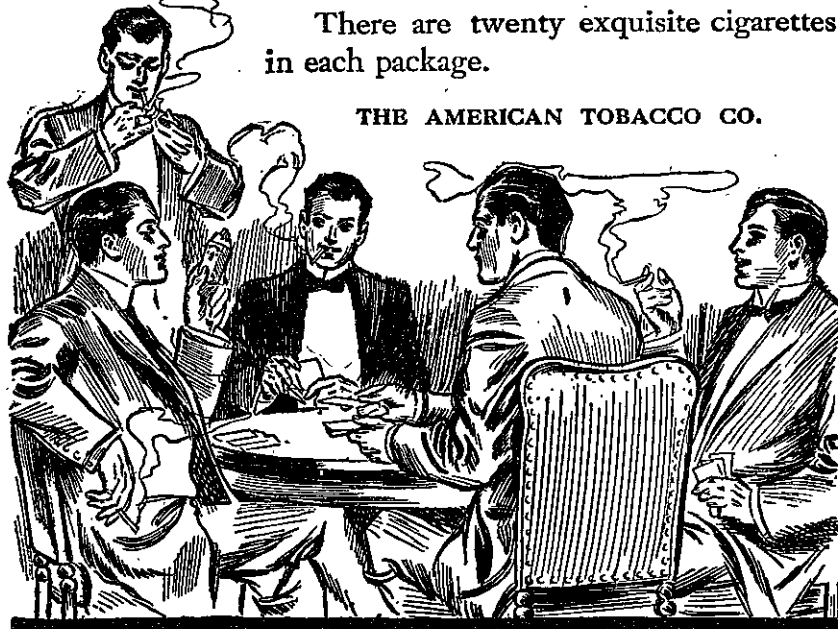


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WALTER HUMPHREYS,
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ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING.

There will be a final examination in
Electrical Engineering (693) on Saturday
afternoon, December 18th, from 2 to 4,
in Room 20, Engineering Building A.
WALTER HUMPHREYS,
Registrar.

Third year Heat Problem Books have
been returned and will be found on the
table in the lower corridor in Walker.

Names Posted.

The names of officers of Technology
organizations, are posted on the Insti-
tute Committee's bulletin board in the
Union Social Room. Send corrections
to Kerr, the Cage.

Football team meet at Marceau, the
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P. M. Wednesday, Dec. 15th. Bring
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D. W. '11.

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row, Cage.

HOCKEY.

Practice today at Hammond's Pond.
Take Chestnut Hill car to end of route.

1910 nominations for the Senior Port-
folio Committee, will be received until
5 P. M., Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1909. All
nomination must be signed by ten mem-
bers of the class.

1910. Only those Seniors who have
paid their class dues up-to-date, will be
allowed to vote. Names of those who
have not paid will be posted up in the
Union. Dues may be paid to W.
O'Hearn, I and XI; L. O. French II;
R. Goodwin, III; H. S. Cleverdon, IV;
C. Sittenger, VI; D. Clapp, X; M. P.
Anderson, XIII and Luther Davis, XIV.

The next meeting of the Chemical
Society will be held at 8 P. M., Dec.
15th, on the lower floor of the Union.
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